

VILLAGE PATHWAY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
1/10/08-Approved 1/31/08

Members Present:

Ginny Lovett  
Pam Coburn  
Mark Donohoe  
Gerry Brooks  
Carol Gerben

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque

Guest Speaker:

Mike Faller, DPW Director

Ginny Lovett opened the meeting at 4:05. She read the meeting minutes from the 12/06/07 meeting. The only amendment was the addition of the Laconia Citizen reporter who was present.

Mike Faller presented an informal report of the state of the sidewalks in Meredith. He reported on the progress of discussions with the railroad owners on his attempts to get permission to add a sidewalk next to the tracks that run from Waukewan to the spot near the old Harley shop. They require 22' from the center of the tracks. That distance puts us into the stream next to the tracks for much of the distance. Gaining acceptance for this is a long term project, and he's hopeful that with time, they may relax their constraints. A dirt road exists now; ideally there would be a fence next to the track and a sidewalk/path next to that. We discussed the possibility of bringing more pressure from outside, but Mike didn't feel that was prudent at this time.

Mike reported on several other sidewalk improvements in town--Stevens Ave rebuilt, Lang rerouting. It was recommended that roads with sidewalks be noted on maps. Mike Faller agreed to meet with Angela La Breque and the town mapmaker.

A number of possible new routes were tossed around--connecting to the back of Jackson Star from Waukewan St.,

Extending Barnard Ridge down past the high school and elementary school to connect with Greenmore--this would make a safe path for students going from the Community Center up to the schools and improve access to Page Pond.

Access to the Town Forest via Philbrook Avenue was discussed along with access to Swazy Park, other town facilities and Page Pond.

Ginny and Pam expressed interest in adding signs to make the path through Swazy Park clearer. The trails through the town forest are accessible through a number of entry points; having signage to make these paths clearer would be great. Signage continues to be a matter of discussion.

It was decided to connect with the Conservation Committee and the Recreation Committee to see how we may help each other in the development of trails and pathways.

A letter-reminding member Bob Otis to join us will be sent again.

Ginny Lovett, Gerry Brooks, Pam Coburn and Carol Gerken will walk from Waukewan Boat Launch to Swazy Park on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 31st, 4pm.

Adjourned: 5:15 PM

Minutes prepared by: Mark Donohoe, 1/14/08 (amended 2/1/08)